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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN PROPOSAL FOR A BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA

1. PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE NOV. 19 DESCRIBING A GOP PROPOSAL FOR BOLIVIAN ACCESS TO THE SEA THROUGH FORMER PERUVIAN TERRITORY NOW PART OF CHILE. THE PROPOSAL CONTEMPLATES CREATION OF A CHILEAN-BOLIVIAN-PERUVIAN CONDOMINIUM AS PART OF A NEW CORRIDOR TO THE SEA, JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF THE PORT OF ARICA, AND POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION BY BOLIVA OF A NEW PORT UNDER ITS SOVEREIGN CONTROL. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS. WE WILL FORWARD BY AIRGRAM THE SPANISH TEXT AND ACCOMPANYING MAP DESCRIBING THE PERUVIAN PROPOSAL. PRELIMINARY COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE:

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 30-76 OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN

RELATIONS

(1) AS PUBLIC OPINION IS AWARE, THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE, BY MEANS OF NOTE NUMBER 685 OF DECEMBER 19, 1975, COMMUNICATED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA HAD MADE KNOWN TO A PROPOSAL TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF BOLIVIAN ISOLATION FROM THE SEA (MEDITERRANEIDAD) THE SAID PROPOSAL WAS MADE KNOWN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU SINCE ARTICLE 1 OF THE COMPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL TO THE TREATY OF LIMA OF 1929 STIPULATES THAT ANY TOTAL OR PARTIAL CESSION OF TERRITORY IN ARICA (PROVINCE) TO A THIRD POWER REQUIRES PREVIOUS AGREEMENT BETWEEN PERU AND CHILE.

(2) THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES, IN ORDER TO STUDY THIS COMPLEX MATTER, DESIGNATED BY MEANS OF SUPREME RESOLUTION NUMBER 0720 OF DECEMBER 26, 1975 A CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION COMPOSED OF NOTABLE PERSONS.

(3) AT THE SAME TIME, AT PERU'S INITIATIVE, CONVERSATIONS ON THIS DIFFICULT AND DELICATE MATTER WERE CARRIED OUT BY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH STATES.

(4) AFTER ANALYZING THE VALUABLE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY SAID COMMISSION AND EVALUATING THE RESULTS OF SAID CONVERSATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU HAS MADE THE DECISION TO COMMUNICATE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE A PROPOSAL WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SAID COUNTRY BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AMBASSADOR LUIS MARCHAND STENS, WHO AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU TRAVELED TO SANTIAGO, CHILE FOR SAID PURPOSE. THE SAID PROPOSAL IS DESIGNED TO PRESERVE THE HIGH INTERESTS OF THE NATION, TO ASSURE THE SPECIFIC RIGHTS THAT PERU HAS IN ARICA BY VIRTUE OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, AND TO SUSTAIN THE UNINTERRUPTED SOCIO-ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN TACNA AND ARICA (PROVINCES).

(5) THE SAID PROPOSAL, IN CONFORMITY WITH PERU'S PROFOUND LATIN AMERICANIST AND INTEGRATIONIST VOCATION, IS ALSO A PART OF THE SPIRIT OF COMPREHENSION WHICH HAS GUIDED OUR COUNTRY WITH RESPECT BOLIVIA'S ISOLATION FROM THE SEA AND HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BOTH IN THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO OF DECEMBER 9, 1974 AS WELL AS IN REPEATED UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS.

(6) WITHIN THE FRAME WORK OF THESE ANTECEDENTS, THE PROPOSAL WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF PERU HAS COMMUNICATED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE AND WHICH IT CONSIDERS TO BE IN THE INTERESTS OF PERU, BOLIVIA AND CHILE IS THE FOLLOWING:

A) THE EVENTUAL SOVEREIGN CESSION BY CHILE TO BOLIVIA OF A CORRIDOR IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE PROVINCE OF ARICA PARALLEL

TO THE LINEA DE LA CONCORDIA (PRESENT PERU-CHILE BORDER) WHICH BEGINS AT THE CHILEAN-BOLIVIAN BORDER AND ENDS AT THE SECTION OF THE PANAMERICAN HIGHWAY IN SAID PROVINCE WHICH JOINS THE PORT OF ARICA WITH THE CITY OF TACNA. SAID EVENTUAL CESSION IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC CONDITIONS.

B) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TERRITORIAL AREA UNDER THE SHARED SOVEREIGNTY OF THE THREE STATES PERU, BOLIVA AND CHILE IN THE POVINCE OF ARICA CONTIGUOUS TO THE CORRIDOR AND SITUATED SOUTH OF THE PERU-CHILE BORDER WITHIN (THE AREA DEFINED BY) THE LINEA DE LA CONCORDIA, THE PANAMERICAN HIGHWAY, THE NORTHERN URBAN (CASCO) LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ARICA AND THE SHORE LINE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN (SEE ATTACHED PLAN).

(7) THE PRECEDING CONDITION ELABORATED IN POINT 6B , WHICH CONSTITUTES THE FUNDAMENTAL BASIS OF PERU'S PROPOSAL, IS COMPLEMENTED BY THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

A) THE CREATION OF A TRI-NATIONAL PORT AUTHORITY IN THE PORT OF ARICA.

B) THE CONCESSION TO BOLIVIA OF THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT A PORT UNDER ITS EXCLUSIVE SOVEREIGNTY, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PERUVIAN DESIRE TO ACHIEVE A DEFINITIVE EFFECTIVE AND REAL SOLUTION TO BOLIVIA'S ISOLATION FROM THE SEA, AND FOR WHICH IT IS INDISPENSABLE THAT SAID COUNTRY HAVE ITS OWN PORT.

C) EXCLUSIVE BOLIVIAN SOVEREIGNTY TO THE OCEAN ADJACENT TO THE COAST LINE OF THE TERRITORY UNDER SHARED SOVEREIGNTY.

D) THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE THREE COUNTRIES OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE (POLO DE DESARROLLO ECONOMICO) WITHIN THE TERRITORY UNDER SHARED SOVEREIGNTY IN WHICH MULTILATERAL CREDIT ORGANIZATIONS COULD COOPERATE FINANCIALLY

(8) IN CONSEPUENCE, THE PROPOSAL WHICH THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HAS COMMUNICATED TO THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR THE REALIZATION, IN DUE TIME, OF THE AGREEMENT PREVIOUSLY UNCLASSIFIED

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ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE 1 OF THE COMPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL TO THE TREATY OF 1929 AND AS SUCH IT HAS BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE FIRM PURPOSE OF FINDING A DEFINITIVE SOLUTION TO BOLIVIAN ISOLATION FROM THE SEA.

(9) THE PERUVIAN PROPOSAL CARRIES WITH IT THE FULL EXECUTION OF THE UNFULFILLED (PENDIENTES DE CUMPLIMIENTO) CLAUSES OF THE TREATY OF LIMA 1929 AND ITS COMPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL AND GUARANTEES RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS (SERVIDUMBRES) WHICH SAID TREATY ESTABLISHES IN FAVOR OF PERU.

(10) ALL OF THE ABOVE HAS ALSO BEEN OFFICIALLY MADE KNOWN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVA, INCLUDING CERTAIN PROPOSALS RELATED TO BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH STATES, IN THE HOPE THAT PERU'S EFFORTS IN FAVOR OF BOLIVIA'S MARITIME ASPIRATIONS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A DEFINITE RESOLUTION OF

THIS PROBLEM AND WILL STRENGTHEN THE PEACE, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION AMONG THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS OF PERU, BOLIVIA AND CHILE. IN ADDITION, IT IS WORTHY OF NOTE THAT SAID EFFORTS ARE INSPIRED BY THE HIGH PURPOSE OF ENGAGING A UNIFIED EFFORT DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA IN QUESTION, WHICH WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO TO THE PROGRESS AND WELL-BEING OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PEOPLES.

(11) IN ORDER FOR PUBLIC OPINION TO HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PERUVIAN PROPOSAL, ATTACHED IS A MAP WHICH INDICATES THE CORRIDOR WHICH CHILE WOULD CEDE TO BOLIVA AND THE LOCATION OF THE TERRITORIAL ARA UNDER SHARED SOVEREIGNTY BETWEEN PERU, BOLIVIA AND CHILE, ALSO SITUATED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROVINCE OF ARICA.

LIMA, NOVEMBER 19, 1976

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